ISN COUNCIL 2005–2011 ELECTIONS

Dear ISN Member,

Seven Councilors will end their term by June 2005: Anthony Meyers (South Africa), Sei Sasaki (Japan), Kirpal Chugh (India), Natalia Tomilina (Russia), Abdullah Al-Khader (Saudi Arabia), Kim Soley (Canada), and Guillermo Garcia Garcia (Mexico). In addition, there is an eighth vacancy created by the resignation of Councilor Thomas Coffman, which is temporarily being filled by Richard Johnson who was the first runner-up for North America in the 2001 elections (in accordance with Article III, Section 6 of the ISN Constitution).

The procedure for filling these vacancies includes three steps (Article V, Section 2). First, the Nominating Committee is to propose three names per vacancy. Second, the proposed list is to be reduced to two candidates per vacancy through a Council ballot. Finally, the membership is to select one candidate for each vacancy through a general ballot.

The first two steps in this process were completed in St. Louis in October 2004. There are now 16 candidates to fill the eight vacancies. The names, photographs, and brief biographies are being published in Kidney International, ISN News, and the ISN Web site. All members of the Society except the Corporate are invited and encouraged to vote. Eligible votes should have a valid “Voting Identification Number (VIN)” printed above the name in the address label of the Kidney International. VINs can also be obtained by sending an e-mail to the ISN Secretariat (info@isn-online.org) or by visiting the ISN Web site and clicking on the “FORGOT VIN” link.

Voting can be accomplished on-line, by mail, by fax, or by voting on-site during the World Congress of Nephrology in Singapore in June 2005. For on-line voting, please visit the ISN Web site (www.isn-online.org) and follow the instructions. You will be prompted to enter your ID and VIN before the ballot sheet is displayed. Once you have submitted your vote, your VIN will be blocked and you will no longer be able to access this page. For voting by mail or fax, please complete the ballot sheet that is printed on the back of the address insert accompanying this issue of Kidney International and submit it by mail to: Avenue de Tervueren 300, 1150 Brussels, Belgium, or by fax (+ 32 2 7431550). Double voting (e.g., via the Web site and by mail or fax) will cancel both votes. If you prefer to vote on-site in Singapore, please visit the ISN booth on the first day of the Congress, where only eligible members whose VINs are still “open” will be allowed to vote.

The votes will be counted on Monday, June 27, 2005, and the results will be announced the next day.

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